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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A number of professions, industries, trades and occupations use standard abbreviations for certain words and phrases. The data processing apparatus and method of this patent application enables users of word processing programs automatically to convert those words and phrases to the standard abbreviations, and to convert said abbreviations to their corresponding words and phrases, in a manner similar to a spell-checking apparatus and method. The data processing apparatus and method of this patent application also enables users of word processing programs to select from a list of standard abbreviations for insertion into the text. The data processing apparatus and method of this patent application also allows for adding to, editing, updating and customizing the list of words and phrases and of abbreviations which are to correspond to each other within the apparatus and method.

A number of existing products have some, but not all, features of the present invention. For example, the CiteRite™ II software from Lexis-Nexis checks legal citations only for proper form and flags errors. This software is not general enough to use with abbreviations in other fields, and does not convert abbreviations to words. The Oberon Citation7 software supports the proper generation of citations with abbreviations from user-defined tables, but does not convert abbreviations to words or allow the user to select from a list of abbreviations corresponding to a given word. The Quickwords™ software from Corel only works with a single word processor, WordPerfect™, and only converts words to abbreviations, not abbreviations to words.

There is a need for a completely generalized word-to-abbreviation and abbreviation-to-word converter program that works with any type of text containing abbreviations from any profession, industry, trade, or occupation. The software program must allow the user to select the word or abbreviation to be converted and should provide the user with a list of possible conversions. The program should also scan an entire text for a word or abbreviation to be converted and automatically make the conversion.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A data processing method for maintaining and customizing a list of words, phrases, and abbreviations that are standard in a profession, industry, trade or occupation, for automatic insertion of abbreviations from the list into the text, for converting selected words

and phrases in the text to abbreviations, for converting selected abbreviations in the text to words and phrases, and for automatically converting a number of words and phrases to abbreviations, and abbreviations to words and phrases, throughout the text, comprising the steps of:

    a)   storing in a memory a first data structure encoding a plurality of words and corresponding abbreviations;

    b)   storing in a memory a second data structure encoding a plurality of abbreviations and corresponding words;

    c)   selecting a word in the text to be converted to an abbreviation and converting the selected word to a corresponding abbreviation using the first data structure; and

    d)   selecting an abbreviation in the text to be converted to a word and converting the abbreviation to a word using the second data structure.

A data processing method for maintaining and customizing a list of words, phrases, and abbreviations that are standard in a profession, industry, trade or occupation and for allowing the user to insert abbreviations from the list at any position in a text, comprising the steps of:

    a)   storing in a memory a first data structure encoding a plurality of words and corresponding abbreviations;

    b)   the user instructing the data processing method to select a position in the text for insertion of an abbreviation;

    c)   displaying a list of words and corresponding abbreviations from the first data structure;

    d)   the user instructing the data processing method to select an abbreviation from the list; and

e)   inserting the selected abbreviation at the selected position in the text.

A data processing apparatus for maintaining and customizing a list of words, phrases, and abbreviations that are standard in a profession, industry, trade or occupation, for automatic insertion of abbreviations from the list into the text, for converting selected words and phrases in the text to abbreviations, for converting selected abbreviations in the text to words and phrases, and for automatically converting a number of words and phrases to abbreviations, and abbreviations to words and phrases, throughout the text, comprising:

a)   a computer having a memory, a central processing unit, and an input/output unit;

b)   a first data structure recorded in the memory, the first data structure encoding a plurality of words and corresponding abbreviations;

c)   a second data structure recorded in the memory, the second data structure encoding a plurality of abbreviations and corresponding words;

d)   the text in the memory containing words and abbreviations; and

e)   a computer program executing in the central processing unit and defining structural and functional relationships among the plurality of words and the plurality of abbreviations, the computer program receiving information on the selected words and abbreviations from an operator through the input/output unit, and the computer program responding to operator selection of words and abbreviations, converting selected words to corresponding abbreviations, converting selected abbreviations to corresponding words, and inserting abbreviations into the text.

A principal object and advantage of the data processing apparatus and method is that it enables users of any word processing program automatically to convert words and phrases to abbreviations that are standard in a profession, industry, trade or occupation, and to convert

abbreviations to their corresponding words or phrases, in a manner similar to a spell-checking apparatus and method.

A second principal object and advantage of the data processing apparatus and method is that it allows for adding to, editing, updating and customizing the list of words and phrases and abbreviations which are to correspond to each other within the apparatus and method.

A third principal object and advantage of the data processing apparatus and method is that it enables the user automatically to insert said abbreviations into the text from said list.

A fourth principal object and advantage of the data processing apparatus and method is that it can scan an entire text for instances of a selected word or abbreviation and automatically convert each instance to the corresponding abbreviation or word.

A fifth principal object and advantage of the data processing apparatus and method is that it displays a list of possible conversions from which the user can select.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of the principal functions of the data processing method and apparatus;

FIG. 2 is a flowchart of the data processing method;

FIG. 3 is a schematic of the window which displays the list of abbreviations, from which the user can add to, edit, update and customize the list of words and phrases and abbreviations which are to correspond to each other;

FIG. 4 is a schematic of the window which displays the list of abbreviations, from which the user can insert an abbreviation into the text;

FIG. 5 is a schematic of the window which suggests and enables the user to select from conversions of a word or phrase with more than one corresponding abbreviation; and

FIG. 6 is a schematic of the window which suggests and enables the user to select from conversions of an abbreviation with more than one corresponding word or phrase.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The data processing apparatus and method for converting words and phrases to abbreviations, and converting abbreviations to words and phrases, is illustrated in the attached block diagram (FIG. 1), whose functions are explained further in the flowcharts. It will be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art that FIG. 1 also serves as a pictorial description of the data structures created by the apparatus in order to carry out the described data processing.

A flowchart of the data processing method of the present invention is presented in FIG. 2. It should be understood the order of execution of these steps is not critical.

Illustrative windows for the apparatus's features are shown in FIGS. 3 through 6.

Step 100: Adding to, editing, updating and customizing a list of words and phrases and corresponding abbreviations.

The data processing apparatus and method allows the user to add to, edit, update and customize a pre-defined list of words and phrases and corresponding abbreviations that are standard in various professions, industries, trades and occupations. The utility of the data processing apparatus and method is therefore dynamic. The list of words and phrases and abbreviations may be modified based on the unique needs of the user and developments in various professions, industries, trades and occupations. FIG. 3 is a schematic of the window which displays, and enables the user to modify, the list of words and phrases and corresponding abbreviations described above.

Step 200: Inserting abbreviations from said list into the text.

The user can automatically insert an abbreviation into the text via a window which displays the list of words and phrases and corresponding abbreviations described in Step 100 above. The user can open the window via a mouse or keyboard command. FIG. 4 is a schematic of the window.

Step 300: Converting a word or phrase in the text to a corresponding abbreviation.

Step 400: Converting an abbreviation in the text to a corresponding word or phrase.

The user can automatically convert a word or phrase in the text to a corresponding abbreviation by highlighting the word or phrase and initiating conversion via a mouse or keyboard command. Likewise, the user can convert an abbreviation in the text to a corresponding word or phrase by highlighting said abbreviation and initiating conversion via a mouse or keyboard command. The mouse command involves pointing the cursor at an on-screen button or drop-down menu item.

Step 301: Selecting from multiple abbreviations corresponding to a word or phrase.

Step 401: Selecting from multiple words or phrases corresponding to an abbreviation.

Occasionally more than one abbreviation corresponds to a word or phrase, and more than one word or phrase corresponds to an abbreviation. If this situation applies to an abbreviation or word or phrase that the user is converting (as described in Steps 300 and 400 above), the window depicted in FIG. 5 or FIG. 6 opens. The window depicted in FIG. 5 enables the user to select from suggested conversions of a word or phrase with more than one corresponding abbreviation. The window depicted in FIG. 6 enables the user to select from suggested conversions of an abbreviation with more than one corresponding word or phrase.

Step 500: Checking the text for words and phrases corresponding to abbreviations, and converting said words and phrases to said abbreviations.

Step 600: Checking the text for abbreviations corresponding to words and phrases, and converting said abbreviations to said words or phrases.

The data processing apparatus and method enables the user to perform an abbreviation check of an entire text. The check can be initiated via a mouse or keyboard command. The mouse command involves pointing the cursor at an on-screen button or drop-down menu item.

The user can check the text for words and phrases corresponding to abbreviations, and converting said words and phrases to said abbreviations, via a window that suggests said conversions. The window is similar to that depicted in FIG. 5.

The user can check the text for abbreviations corresponding to words and phrase, and converting said abbreviations to said words and phrases, via a window that suggests said conversions. The window is similar to that depicted in FIG. 6.

The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential attributes thereof, and it is therefore desired that the present embodiment be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, reference being made to the appended claims rather than to the foregoing description to indicate the scope of the invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1.   A data processing method for maintaining and customizing a list of words, phrases, and abbreviations that are standard in a profession, industry, trade or occupation, for insertion of abbreviations from the list into text, for converting selected words and phrases in the text to abbreviations, for converting selected abbreviations in the text to words and phrases, and for automatically converting a number of words and phrases to abbreviations, and abbreviations to words and phrases, throughout the text, comprising the steps of:

    a)   storing in a memory a first data structure encoding a plurality of words and corresponding abbreviations;

    b)   storing in a memory a second data structure encoding a plurality of abbreviations and corresponding words;

    c)   selecting a word in the text to be converted to an abbreviation and converting the selected word to a corresponding abbreviation using the first data structure; and

    d)   selecting an abbreviation in the text to be converted to a word and converting the abbreviation to a word using the second data structure.

2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of adding to, editing, updating and customizing the first data structure and second data structure.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein the word is selected by the user using a keyboard command.

4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the word is selected by the user using a mouse.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the abbreviation is selected by the user using a keyboard command.

6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the abbreviation is selected by the user using a mouse.

7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of scanning the text for words to be converted to abbreviations and converting words selected by the data processing method to corresponding abbreviations.

8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of scanning the text for abbreviations to be converted to words and converting abbreviations selected by the data processing method to corresponding words.

9.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of displaying a list of suggested abbreviations corresponding to the selected word and receiving input from the user to choose the desired abbreviation.

10.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of displaying a list of suggested words corresponding to the selected abbreviation and receiving input from the user to choose the desired word.

11.   The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of displaying a list of suggested abbreviations corresponding to the selected words and receiving input from the user to choose the desired abbreviation.

12.   The method of claim 8, further comprising the steps of displaying a list of suggested words corresponding to the selected abbreviations and receiving input from the user to choose the desired word.

13.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of the user selecting an abbreviation from the first data structure and inserting the abbreviation into the text at a position selected by the user.

14.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of the user selecting an abbreviation from the second data structure and inserting the abbreviation into the text at a position selected by the user.

15.   A data processing method for maintaining and customizing a list of words, phrases, and abbreviations that are standard in a profession, industry, trade or occupation and for allowing the user to insert abbreviations from the list at any position in a text, comprising the steps of:

a)   storing in a memory a first data structure encoding a plurality of words and corresponding abbreviations;

b)   the user instructing the data processing method to select a position in the text for insertion of an abbreviation;

c)   displaying a list of words and corresponding abbreviations from the first data structure;

d)   the user instructing the data processing method to select an abbreviation from the list; and

e)   inserting the selected abbreviation at the selected position in the text.

16.   The data processing method of claim 15, further comprising a step of adding to, editing, updating and customizing the first data structure and second data structure.

17.   A data processing apparatus for maintaining and customizing a list of words, phrases, and abbreviations that are standard in a profession, industry, trade or occupation, for insertion of abbreviations from the list into text, for converting selected words and phrases in the text to abbreviations, for converting selected abbreviations in the text to words and phrases, and for automatically converting a number of words and phrases to abbreviations, and abbreviations to words and phrases, throughout the text, comprising:

a)   a computer having a memory, a central processing unit, and an input/output unit;

b)   a first data structure recorded in the memory, the first data structure encoding a plurality of words and corresponding abbreviations;

c)   a second data structure recorded in the memory, the second data structure encoding a plurality of abbreviations and corresponding words;

d)   text in the memory containing words and abbreviations; and

e)   a computer program executing in the central processing unit and defining structural and functional relationships among the plurality of words and the plurality of abbreviations, the computer program receiving information on the words and abbreviations to be selected from an operator through the input/output unit, and the computer program responding to operator selection of words and abbreviations, converting selected words to corresponding abbreviations, converting selected abbreviations to corresponding words, and inserting words and abbreviations into the text.

18.   The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer program displays a list of abbreviations corresponding to selected words to the operator through the input/output unit.

19.   The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer program displays a list of words corresponding to selected abbreviations to the operator through the input/output unit.

20.   The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer program automatically converts words selected by the computer program throughout the text to corresponding abbreviations.

21.   The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer program automatically converts abbreviations selected by the computer program throughout the text to corresponding words.

22.   The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the computer program responds to operator input to select a position in the text for insertion of an abbreviation, displays a list of words and abbreviations from the first data structure, and allows an operator to select an abbreviation for insertion at the selected position in the text.

ABSTRACT

A data processing method and apparatus for maintaining and customizing a list of words, phrases, and abbreviations that are standard in a profession, industry, trade or occupation, for insertion of abbreviations from the list into the text, for converting selected words and phrases in the text to abbreviations, for converting selected abbreviations in the text to words and phrases, and for automatically converting a number of words and phrases to abbreviations, and abbreviations to words and phrases, throughout the text, comprising the steps of: storing in a memory a first data structure encoding a plurality of words and corresponding abbreviations; storing in a memory a second data structure encoding a plurality of abbreviations and corresponding words; selecting a word in the text to be converted to an abbreviation and converting the selected word to a corresponding abbreviation using the first data structure; and selecting an abbreviation in the text to be converted to a word and converting the abbreviation to a word using the second data structure.

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Abbreviations Software Program Block Diagram

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Abbreviations Software Program Block Diagram
│
├── List of words and phrases and corresponding abbreviations
│   │
│   └── Add/Edit/Delete
│
├── Abbreviation corresponding to word or phrase
│   ├── Convert word or phrase to abbreviation
│   ├── Insert into text
│   └── Convert word or phrase to abbreviation
│       └── Check text
│
└── Word or phrase corresponding to abbreviation
    ├── Convert abbreviation to word or phrase
    └── Convert abbreviation to word or phrase
        └── Check text
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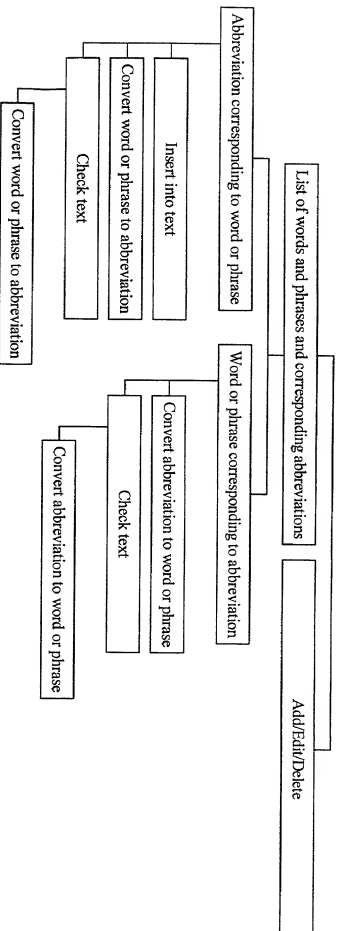
Fig. 1

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┌─────────────────────────────┐
│            START            │
└─────────────────────────────┘
               ↓
┌─────────────────────────────┐
│ 100                         │
│ INPUT LIST OF WORDS         │
│ AND PHRASES AND             │
│ CORRESPONDING               │
│ ABBREVIATIONS               │
└─────────────────────────────┘
               ↓
┌─────────────────────────────┐
│ 200                         │
│ INSERT ABBREVIATION         │
│ FROM LIST INTO TEXT         │
└─────────────────────────────┘
               ↓
┌─────────────────────────────┐
│ 300                         │
│ CONVERT WORD OR             │
│ PHRASE IN TEXT TO           │
│ CORRESPONDING               │
│ ABBREVIATION                │
└─────────────────────────────┘
               ↓
┌─────────────────────────────┐
│ 400                         │
│ CONVERT                     │
│ ABBREVIATION IN             │
│ TEXT TO                     │
│ CORRESPONDING               │
│ WORD OR PHRASE              │
└─────────────────────────────┘
               ↓
┌─────────────────────────────┐
│            TO               │
│            500              │
└─────────────────────────────┘
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FIG. 2a

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┌─────────────────────┐
│        FROM         │
│        400          │
└─────────────────────┘
           ↓
┌─────────────────────┐
│ 500                 │
│ CHECK TEXT FOR      │
│ WORDS AND PHRASES   │
│ CORRESPONDING TO    │
│ ABBREVIATIONS;      │
│ CONVERT WORDS AND   │
│ PHRASES TO          │
│ CORRESPONDING       │
│ ABBREVIATIONS       │
└─────────────────────┘
           ↓
┌─────────────────────┐
│ 600                 │
│ CHECK TEXT FOR      │
│ ABBREVIATIONS       │
│ CORRESPONDING TO    │
│ WORDS AND PHRASES;  │
│ CONVERT             │
│ ABBREVIATIONS TO    │
│ CORRESPONDING       │
│ WORDS AND PHRASES   │
└─────────────────────┘
           ↓
┌─────────────────────┐
│        END          │
└─────────────────────┘
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FIG. 2A

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              ┌─────────────────────┐
              │         300         │
              └─────────────────────┘
                        ↓
              ┌─────────────────────┐
              │ 301                 │
              │ SELECT FROM         │
              │ MULTIPLE            │
              │ ABBREVIATIONS       │
              │ CORRESPONDING TO    │
              │ WORD OR PHRASE      │
              │                     │
              └─────────────────────┘
                        ↓
              ┌─────────────────────┐
              │        END          │
              │        300          │
              └─────────────────────┘
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FIG. 2c

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                    ┌─────────────────────┐
                    │         400         │
                    └─────────────────────┘
                               ↓
                    ┌─────────────────────┐
                    │ 401                 │
                    │ SELECT FROM         │
                    │ MULTIPLE WORDS OR   │
                    │ PHRASES             │
                    │ CORRESPONDING TO    │
                    │ ABBREVIATION        │
                    │                     │
                    └─────────────────────┘
                               ↓
                    ┌─────────────────────┐
                    │         END         │
                    │         400         │
                    └─────────────────────┘
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FIG. 2d

Abbreviations – Authorized Setup

Word or Phrase:

Abbreviation:

Add

Edit

Delete

Cancel

Highlighted Abbreviation

Fig. 3

Insert Abbreviation

Word or Phrase:

Abbreviation:

◄ ►

Insert   Add/Edit   Cancel

? ✕

FIG. 4

Word or Phrase:

Suggested
Replacement(s):

Replace   Replace All

Ignore   Ignore All

Add/Edit   Cancel

◄   ►

Replace Abbreviation With Word or Phrase

Abbreviation:

Suggested Replacement(s):

Replace

Ignore

Add/Edit

Replace All

Ignore All

Cancel

Fig. 6

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name; and that I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING WORDS TO
ABBREVIATIONS, CONVERTING ABBREVIATIONS TO WORDS, AND SELECTING
ABBREVIATIONS FOR INSERTION INTO TEXT

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-entitled specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §120 and Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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